

Assassination

WHITEWASH II—THE FBI-SECRET SERVICE COVER-UP. By Harold Weisberg, 250 pages. Published by the author. \$4.95. Paperback.

THIS VOLUME, according to the author "the book that cannot wait," is the latest in the assaults on the Warren Commission's report on the assassination of President Kennedy.

A late entry in the critique sweepstakes, it is, however, a followup to the author's "Whitewash," the first of the volumes asking for a reopening of the investigation because of alleged erroneous conclusions by the Warren panel.

This book, like its predecessor, is an offset printing job, with the text printed via typewriter rather than a professional typesetter. And like the first volume, this too is flawed by an abundance of typographical errors.

BUT THESE minor criticisms should not deter any serious student of history or anyone at all interested in the assassination from reading it. For the many questions raised by Weisberg's first book and subsequent volumes such as "Inquest,"

"Forgive My Grief," "Rush to Judgment," "The Oswald Affair," and what now seems like a host of others, are valid ones.

Whether the assassination and its aftermath ever will be cleared up totally still is an answerless question. And now that Jack Ruby, slayer of the alleged assassin is dead, perhaps the total truth never will be known.

But the documentation in all the critiques, many of which overlap in detail and information, deserves more than a public outcry of "sensationalism." Surely it is that; but it is much more. A search for a detailed picture of what happened on that tragic day in Dallas. A search for a picture without fuzziness, without ambiguity, without coverup.

THIS VOLUME, which for the most part runs over information previously covered, does add some new fuel to the growing fire.

Although this book claims the "murder of President Kennedy is still unsolved" purports to "tell why," it offers only more speculation. Yet that speculation may be reality. At this point, who can know for sure. The only certainty is that a new investigation, at least a supplementary one, is a necessity—if only to end the doubt in this country and throughout the world.

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